

**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL HELD AT CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 21, 1999
5:00 P.M.**

ROLLCALL Answering rollcall were Members Faust, Hovland, Johnson and Mayor Maetzold.

Mayor Maetzold stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to begin the public hearing process on the preliminary 2000 budget. He reviewed the preliminary schedule for budget adoption noting the City Council established a maximum levy for the 2000 budget at their September 9, 1999, Council meeting. He added that December 13, 1999, the Council will conduct a Truth in Taxation hearing before final budget adoption later in December. Mayor Maetzold stated this first meeting would focus first on advisory boards and commissions' testimony before reviewing the budget in detail.

Manager Hughes stated the 2000 proposed budget reflects a 3.4 percent increase in expenditures over the 1999 budget. The proposed budget requires an increase in our property tax levy of 2.2 percent that reflects the State imposed levy limit for 2000. For 2000 the maximum tax levy allowed will be \$13,650,158.00. The remaining approximately \$5,617,996.00 needed to fund the 2000 budget will come from: reduction in abatements, increased revenues, increased fees and charges, increased municipal court fines and increased intergovernmental aid (HACA).

Human Relations Commission

Sharon Ming, of the Human Relations Commission, was present to explain the Commissioners' 2000 Budget request. She presented a memorandum outlining the Commission's recommendation for a \$83,350.00 budget.

Council discussed with the Commission the process the Human Relations Commission used to select the service providers they recommended. Ms. Ming explained the Human Relations Commission solicited requests for proposals which were reviewed and tabulated first by the staff and then by the Commission. Ms. Ming said that after completing their review the Human Relations Commission made their recommendations to the Council. Mayor Maetzold thanked Ms. Ming for the thoroughness of the Commission's work.

Park Board

Andy Herring, Chair of Edina Park Board, expressed concern to the Council over the Park Department's lack of a capital plan. He said that for the last three years there has not been any capital plan. The Park Board is concerned because maintenance that should be funded through a capital plan i.e. Wooddale and Normandale Parks, have not been funded so playground equipment has not been replaced. Mr. Herring said that based on a draft plan there should be approximately \$350,000 annually directed

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towards a capital plan. Mr. Herring said the Park Board believes that an annual capital plan needs to be put into place. By following a capital plan, Mr. Herring stated the Park Board hopes to avoid large referendums to fund maintenance of park facilities.

Following the testimony of the Human Relations Commission and the Park Board, the Council began a review and discussion of the proposed 2000 budget by area and function, including the following:

General Government	Parks
Public Works	Central Services
Public Safety	Non-Department

During their review of the budget, the Council discussed the following items:

- Development and implementation of Capital Plan
- Fire Department Overtime - directed Staff to keep reviewing annually
- Enterprise Funds Management
- Salaries of Mayor & Council compared to other cities

Mayor Maetzold reviewed that there would be a Truth In Taxation Hearing on December 13, 1999, then the Council will adopt the Year 2000 Budget at its regular meeting on December 21, 1999.

Motion made by Member Faust and seconded by Member Johnson to close the Year 2000 Budget Hearing.

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Maetzold

Motion carried

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Maetzold declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

City Clerk